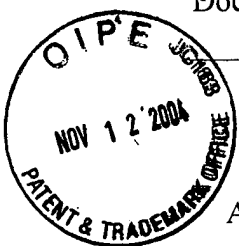


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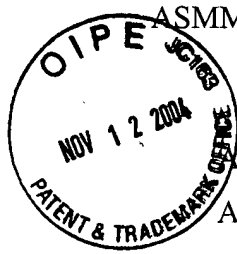
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Dear Sir:

The present paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2004. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the subsequent remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.